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1) FOM 722-06D, Case Management of Dual Wards

Minor Corrections

Minor changes were made to wording and formatting, hyperlinks were updated, and references to functions in SWSS FAJ were removed.

Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

2) FOM 722-06G, Efforts to Identify and Locate Absent/Putative Parent(s)

Federal Parent Locator Service

Direction was added regarding use of the DHS-1445, Child Support Confidential Locate Request, to locate and notify absent parents using the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS).

Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

Minor Corrections

Minor changes were made to wording and formatting, and hyperlinks were updated.

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Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

3) FOM 722-06J, Rights of Children in Foster Care

Requirements for Abuse/Neglect and Delinquent Youth

The <u>DHS-5307</u>, <u>Rights and Responsibilities for Children and Youth in Foster Care</u>, must be used to inform all children in out-of-home placements, including abuse/neglect, juvenile justice, and dual wards, of their rights and responsibilities.

Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

Placement Change

When a child under age 11 or who is otherwise unable to sign the DHS-5307, Rights and Responsibilities for Children and Youth in Foster Care, changes placement, the caseworker must review the DHS-5307 and the agency's grievance policy with the new caregiver and obtain their signature on the DHS-5307 within 30 days of the placement change.

Reason: Children's Services Agency recommendation.

Legal Basis

The Foster Care and Adoption Services Act was added to the legal basis.

Reason: Public Act 489 of 2018.

Minor Corrections

Minor changes were made to wording and formatting, and hyperlinks were updated.

Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

4) FOM 722-10, Court Review

DHS-715, Notice of Hearing

The supervising agency must use the DHS-715, Notice of Hearing, to send notification of court hearings. The caseworker may use the Consolidated Print Center to send the DHS-715 to the required recipients.

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Reason: Caseworker relief efforts.

Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Placements

A link to <u>FOM 912</u>, <u>Residential Services: Caseworker</u> <u>Responsibilities</u>, was added to this item for court requirements when a child is to be placed in a QRTP.

Reason: Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018

Minor Corrections

Minor changes were made to wording and formatting, and hyperlinks were updated.

Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

5) FOM 722-11, Prudent Parent Standard and Delegation of Parental Consent

DHS-875, Waiver of Foster Home Licensure

Reference to the DHS-875, Relative Licensing Waiver, was removed as this form is obsolete. The caseworker must discuss licensure with the relative and ensure the relative is aware that licensure grants them liability protection when exercising the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard.

Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

International Travel

Children who will travel internationally must have consent from the appropriate authority prior to international travel. Requirements for consent for international travel, as well as links to US Department of State requirements for obtaining passports, have been added to this policy.

Reason: Field requests for clarification.

Minor Corrections

Minor changes were made to wording and formatting, and hyperlinks were updated.

Reason: Children's Services Agency clarification.

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